

REMARKS

The present application includes claims 1-13. Claims 1-13 were rejected. By this Amendment, independent claims 1 and 8 and dependent claim 3 have been amended.

This Amendment is in response to the final Office Action mailed July 14, 2006, wherein claims 1-13 were rejected based on Edwards, U.S. Patent No. 6,059,418, Warming, WO93/2345, Lampartar, U.S. Patent No. 6,009,650 and/or Brierly, GB 2085332.

The Applicant again thanks Examiner Amari for taking the time to have a phone interview on August 15, 2006. During this interview, the parties discussed at length the Edwards reference, which provides at least part of the basis of all of the claim rejections.

Applicant reiterated its belief that the Edwards reference does not provide an appropriate basis for rejecting the pending claims because the pending claims are directed to allowing a driver of a vehicle to view the side of the vehicle, whereas Edwards teaches "A system of mirrors for a vehicle which augments an operators vision to allow a clear vision path past a forward obstacle." (Abstract; see also col. 2, ll. 27-30; col. 3, ll. 16-21, 25-28, 48-52; col. 4, ll. 13-16.) As such, Edwards does not disclose, or even suggest, utilizing its mirror structure for viewing the right side of the vehicle in question.

Nonetheless, Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 8 to further identify the area to be viewed by Applicant's current invention.

These limitations were discussed with Examiner Amari during the phone interview, at which time Examiner Amari agreed that Edwards does not teach or suggest using its mirror structure to view the blind spot between the tires on the right side of a vehicle.

Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1 and 8, as amended herein, as well as claims 2-7 and 9-13, which depend therefrom, are not anticipated by any reference and are not rendered obvious by any reference or combination of references.

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CONCLUSION

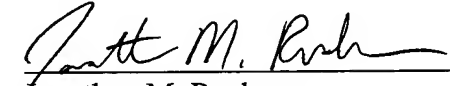
Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-13 are in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner has any questions or the Applicant can be of any assistance, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the Applicant at the number below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

Respectfully submitted,

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